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BLUE SPRINGS MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING METH-MAKING CHEMICAL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Springs, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being in possession of pseudoephedrine, a chemical used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Christopher W. Devall, 23, of Blue Springs, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to four years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 12, 2003, **Devall** pleaded guilty to being in possession of pseudoephedrine. **Devall** was in possession of approximately 19 grams of pseudoephedrine when he was arrested on Sept. 27, 2002, Graves said. Law enforcement officers had observed **Devall** travel to several stores to purchase pseudoephedrine. A witness told officers that **Devall** was purchasing the pills to be distributed to **Jeff D. Riley**, 40, of Holden, Mo., Graves said. **Riley** was sentenced on Jan. 21, 2004, to seven years and three months in federal prison without parole after pleading guilty to being in possession of pseudoephedrine and admitting he used the chemical to manufacture methamphetamine at his residence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Lafayette County Narcotics Unit, the Lexington, Mo., Police Department, and the North Central Missouri Drug Task Force.

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